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For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 14 and 15 as follows:


14. (Once Amended) The information storage medium
according to claim 12 wherein, among the at least two layers
comprising at least one metal element as the main component,
the layer of the side nearest to the light incident side
comprises Cr or Mo as the main component.

15. (Once Amended) The information storage medium
according to claim 12 wherein the layer comprising at least
one metal element as the main component and having a thickness
of not less than 20 nm and not more than 200 nm contains 70
atomic % or more of Al or Ag.

REMARKS

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

14. (Once Amended) The information storage medium according to claim 12 [or 13] wherein, among the at least two layers comprising at least one metal element as the main component, the layer of the side nearest to the light incident side comprises Cr or Mo as the main component.

15. (Once Amended) The information storage medium according to claim 12 [or 13] wherein the layer comprising at least one metal element as the main component and having a thickness of not less than 20 nm and not more than 200 nm contains 70 atomic % or more of Al or Ag.